

STATE NEWS

On what is known as Arch Hill, the uncompleted part of the famous Greensboro-High Point speedway, is to be completed at an early date.

Mount Airy has recently purchased a modern fire engine at an outlay of \$10,000. The town authorities are now considering plans for the erection of a modern two story brick and granite building for municipal uses.

Gulfport county's farm demonstration agent is making plans to carry a car load of thoroughbred pigs to the Raleigh fair. This plan was successfully worked last year and captured all the work-while prizes.

Desk Sergeant Harvey Alexander, of Charlotte, has received the alphabetical list of the automobile owners of Mecklenburg county, being 1,920 machines listed up to August 1.

Jack Pearce, a leading cotton buyer of the Pollockville section in Eastern Carolina, predicts that cotton will reach a price of 30 or 40 cents per pound before the end of the season and seed will be selling for \$90 per ten in less than two weeks.

Under fire of the big German guns in the first line trenches of the American sector are five Durham youths. They are: Walter C. Erwin, Clem C.

Bragg, Claude Fuquay, Oliver B. Carr and Allison M. Page. The latter is a nephew of Ambassador Page.

The sale of sweet cider has been forbidden in Kinston by an order of the mayor. The police attributed numerous cases of intoxication recently to the cider, which is alleged to have turned "hard" within four to six days after being purchased by dealers for sweet cider.

The United States has purchased what is known as Brown mountain in Burke county. This is the mountain from which the mysterious light has been seen for a number of years. The mountain is to become a part of the Appalachian forest reserve.

At a meeting held in the armory at Henderson Saturday afternoon the Vance county militia or home guards was mustered into service. Thirty-five men were mustered in and 18 more have stated their willingness to enlist.

Perry Cline, aged 22, killed himself Sunday at Salisbury, by shooting through the heart with a small pistol. He died almost instantly. Cline had been with the local office of the Southern Express company. He left on the Bible a note addressed to his wife, who is a bride of five months, in which

he breathed ardent love for her, but admitted inability to care for her.

Mrs. J. F. England of Lenoir, lost her life, and her daughter, Mrs. W. I. Pitts was seriously injured, in an automobile accident at Lenoir last week. Mrs. Pitts is in a sanatorium, suffering from a broken leg and dislocated shoulder.

Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson, daughter of President Wilson, will give a public concert and reception in Charlotte on December 14. Miss Wilson is touring the country in the interest of the Wounded Soldiers' Relief association. The services of Miss Wilson are gratis, all the money going for the benefit of the wounded soldiers.

A stupendous deal was closed last week at Morganton by the agents of the Southern Power company and the whole of John's river valley is to become a part of the company's big conservation project and the plans for this deal will cover the fertile valley of John river for a distance of about 20 miles and will be as important to their conservation scheme as the Catawba and Linville river propositions at Bridgewater which are now well advanced.

Former Mayor John Underwood, heading a delegation from Fayetteville, has telegraphed his home town from Washington that the machine gun training camp will be placed at Fayetteville if it is placed anywhere. There seems now that the sole danger of Fayetteville's not getting the machine gun school lies in the possibility that it may not be established.

A Chapel Hill correspondent says that with the arrival of a liberal supply of picks and shovels, the military companies of the university, under Captain Allen's direction, will soon begin the construction of military trenches and begin trench warfare. The first trench digging will probably be done Friday. The companies have been taking route marches for the last few days, and on Saturday the first field maneuvers will be held. The training is day by day getting closer to the realities of modern fighting.

Monday morning, October 1, the first bricks were laid in the boys' new dormitory for the Appalachian Training school, at Boone, in the presence of interested spectators, consisting of the trustees and their wives, the faculty and their wives, and friends of the school. The treasurer of the school, W. C. Coffey, laid the first brick, followed by the made members of the faculty and trustees in the order of their age, and the female part of the faculty and friends in the same order, ending with Prof. D. D. Dougherty's two little sons and youngest daughter. It was an unique idea of the builders to thus tie the interest of these friends more closely if possible to this most useful school. The names of each one participating will later be carved on the bricks laid by them.

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FLYING WITHOUT WINGS.

(By T. J. Rickman.)

The Psalmist David sighed for wings that he might fly to the uttermost parts of the earth and there in his imagination be at peace. The question naturally arises, why did the great Israelitish king imagine that if he was in the uttermost parts of the earth, he would be happy and at peace, out of the range of his troubles and in many respects his rebellious subjects?

Many people now sigh for peace, but it would be right hard for them, if they had wings to fly far enough now to be out the noise and strife of this world war, we have on our hands. Last year when this writer was in San Francisco, at the great Suto Zoo, there was to be seen an Australian tirely destitute of wings. Its name by the New Zealanders, from which country it had been brought, called Kiwi-Kiwi, and though wingless and well covered with feathers, it was possessed with a long sharp beak and the remarks which came from every on-looker, was that this bird lacks something, as badly as a man with no arms.

Why was it without wings, contrary to the fashion of all birds even from the days of paradise, might be answered by one person in one way and by another person in some other way, but

the real reason was and is, that it did not need wings and had not needed its wings, till they went away, during the ages of time and the fine feathers smoothed over the place. For thousands of years this bird did not use its wings, but burrowed its food out of the earth with its long bill, till its wings became of no use to and went away.

David in his sighs and prayer for wings to go to the other side of the world was less fortunate than the fighting men of the world are today, for while the fighters of the Entente and those of the Allies, are not blessed with wings hanging to their sides, they can and do fly all the same and the success of this war is to be decided by the most successful flyer and bomb-dropper of these nations. Among the billions our United States will spend is \$640,000,000.00 with which to build flying machines, armed with guns and having capacity to carry and drop tons of explosive. We at home are expected all to do our mite in supplying our boys in the field with food and necessary war material for both earth and sky. How wonderful such things would have been to the Psalmist and king of Israel, in day of wars and other troubles.

Let it all be a lesson to us when our boys have gone to the fields of battle to risk their lives for the sake of bringing freedom and democracy to

all peoples of earth. Whiel we are not oppressed and down-trodden by our own government, yet millions of others are, and we may be sure if we do not take a present hand now, we soon may fall under the heel of the wild-eyed monster, who is thirsting to bring oppression to all nations.

When we read the last cheerful letter of Miss Edith Cavell, who cheerfully gave her life, to the most brutal murderers since the crucifixion on Calvary, let us not stand idle and if we cannot fly let us do what we can to furnish the wings.

CUT ARTERY BACK OF HEAD.

Mead Kilpatrick Meets Accident When His Axe Hits Clothes Line.

Meade Kilpatrick, son of D. H. Kilpatrick of this city, met with a rather serious accident last week when he was cutting wood and his axe accidentally hit the clothes line near by, causing the axe to cut a deep gash in the back of his head. The wound was a cut artery in addition to a flesh cut. The accident happened about Wednesday of last week.

Art of Letter Writing.

The art of letter writing is well defined by James Howell, who held that a true familiar letter is the art of expressing one's mind as if he were conversing of the person to whom he writes in such plain and strict terms.

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